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1. Five of the seven textile mills in Guben are in the German section of the city, and two in the part of the city under Polish control. The mills in the German section employed a total of about 5,000 workers until the end of summer 1947, when three of the plants were forced to close because of a coal shortage. The other two plants in this section are operating at about ten per cent of capacity due to a lack of raw materials. Dyestuffs are almost exhausted and the supply of cellulose from Saxony is inadequate. Raw materials formerly came partly from the western zones of Germany and partly from the Wolfen works, now dismantled. Four of the five German textile factories are state-owned; only the Guben plant of the former Jaeger AG in Cottbus remains privately owned.
2. A similar shortage of raw materials hampers the Guben hat industry, and the well known firm of C. G. Wilke, now state-owned, was closed down during the entire summer of 1947. In September 1947 it began production again with a force of about 200 workers, after receiving an order and the necessary supplies from SGA for felt boot-liners for the Soviet Army. The Berlin-Guben hat factory, employing about 400 persons, imports horse and goat hair from Poland and sends the entire finished production back to that country.
3. Both the Gubener Maschinen AG and the Quade plant, which produce equipment for the textile industry, have been able to keep their production at almost normal despite several dismantlings, as they received additional machinery from other dismantled plants in the Russian Zone. Both plants were closed during September, however, due to a lack of iron, steel, and coke.

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